

Appl. No. 10/709,444
Amdt. dated July 11, 2005
Reply to Office action of April 20, 2005

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 3-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Seidl et al. (US 2004/0146655 A1) in view of Schrems (US 6,580,110). Claim 2 is
5 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Seidl et al. taken with Schrems, and further in view of Van Wijck (US 6,585,823). Claims 1-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Divakaruni et al. (US 6,309,924) in view of Lee et al. (US 6,468,924). Claims 7 and 8 are allowable over prior art.

10 1. Allowable subject Matter:

Claims 7 and 8 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

15 The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: Claims 7 and 8 are allowable over prior art of record because the prior art does not teach or suggest the claimed feature as set forth in the claims.

Response:

20 The Applicants acknowledge and appreciate the allowance of claims 7 and 8 if rewritten appropriately. Claim 1 has been amended to include all of the limitations of dependent claim 8 and is now believed to be allowable by the Examiner. No new material has been introduced. Claim 8 has been canceled. Furthermore, since Claim 7 is dependent upon the amended claim 1, the Applicants believe claim 7 is
25 accordingly allowable. Therefore, reconsideration and allowance of the amended claim 1 and claim 7 is politely requested.

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2. Rejections of Claims 1-6 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a):

Claims 1-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) for reasons of record, as recited on pages 2-6 of the above-indicated Office action.

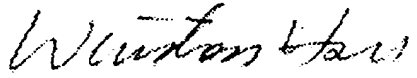
5 Response:

As the above mentioned, claim 1 is amended to include all the limitations of an allowable subject matter for overcoming the rejection. Because claim 1 is the only base claim in the present application and the Examiner has stated that claim 1 would be allowable if amended to include the limitations of claim 8, the Applicant believes that the Examiner may now consider all claims in the current application allowable. Therefore, reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-6 is respectfully requested.

Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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